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Para 2: The same Western European Journalist (C) from Cevat Suberk, Director of Turkish Iron and Steel Works (F).
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1. Polatkan feels that Erhardt is not a good diplomat and made a "poor impression" on the Turks. He got nervous easily, and showed by his actions and words that he mistrusted Turks. He continually annoyed Turkish Prime Minister Menderes by his insistence on discussing details and statistics. He tried to make it clear to Menderes that statistics were necessary as a basis for intelligent discussion, but Menderes always replied to the effect that details of this sort were for "experts." 1
2. Suberk states that in the Turkish/German discussions, the Germans upset the Turks because, in their thorough German way, they always wanted to go back to "Adam and Eve", whereas the Turks were not prepared to go into such detail. The discussions, therefore, took place in a very "nervous" atmosphere. Erhardt strongly criticized the Turkish government's excessive bureaucracy, with special regard to foreign trade regulations. He called for far greater liberalization of the Turkish economy and implied that German support of the Turkish investment program would depend on such liberalization. 2
1. Field Comment: See WFI 894 for report to the effect that German negotiators felt that the Turks were wasting time in generalities.
2. Source Comment: Erhardt's remarks on liberalization were confirmed by other sub-sources.

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